EDUCATION.

Summary of discussion.—Classes for all the optional subjects prescribed for the B. A. Degree Examination may be opened in the two first grade Colleges of Bangalore and Mysore. There are at present chairs for Mathematics in both the Colleges; of these one may be abolished. Biology and Philosophy should be taught. One single college for the whole Province with provision for all subjects is desirable.

Reply of Government.—Noted. Biology is now taught in the Central College, Bangalore.

Subject No. 14.
Educational Text books in Kannada.

Summary of discussion.—The same text books on History and Geography are prescribed for boys in the first class as for those studying in the Lower Secondary class. Beginners find it very difficult to read these books. Text books suitable to the standard may be introduced. The same people who write the text books also sit on the Text Book Committee.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Inspector General of Education for consideration and early disposal.

Subject No. 15.
(a) Increasing the number of Hobli Schools in the Malnad.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) For the spread of Education in the Malnad, the number of Hobli Schools may be increased.

(b) Increasing the number of village Schools.

(*b*) The number of village schools may be increased.

Reply of Government to (*a*) & (*b*).—This is being done as far as possible.

Subject No. 16.
(a) Increase of pay to village school masters.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The emoluments of the village school master may be raised so as to make the post more attractive to intelligent men than at present. The pay should at least be Rs. 7 and 10, the present salary of Rs. 5 and 7 being too small.

Mr. Mallikarjunappa of Mysore Taluk said that the pay of the schoolmasters should not be less than Rs. 8 and that it should be made to rise by increments according to merit to Rs. 15 as in the case of Revenue Gumastas.

(b) Taluk & Hobli school masters.

(*b*) The Taluk and Hobli School Masters may be shown the same concession as the officials of other Departments, who receive periodical additions to their salary.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) & (*b*) Under consideration. The Government will do whatever may be feasible.

Subject No. 17.
Progress in Hobli Schools.

Summary of discussion.—The progress made in our Hobli Schools is slow. The pupils remain in the same class for five or six years without promotion, and instances of their passing examinations are rare. In order to secure efficient teaching, a rule may be laid down requiring that a certain number of pupils should pass the examinations every year.

Reply of Government.—This is too
If instances are quoted, the matter wil
the Inspector General of Education.

Subject No. 18.
Inspection of Hobli Schools.

Summary of discussion.—With a
supervision over the working of Hobli S
may be required to inspect them perio
mittee appointed to manage the working

Reply of Government.—Every school as a
the members thereof should take interest and give due attention to the management of the school. Revenue Officers also pay occasional visits to these schools.

Subject No. 19.
Instruction in Hygiene in the English and the Kannada Schools.

Summary of discussion.—In all the English and the Kannada Schools in the State, Hygiene may be introduced as a compulsory subject from the lower classes.

Reply of Government.—Easy lessons in Hygiene are taught in the IIIrd Vernacular class as a compulsory subject. A text book of Hygiene is used in the IVth & Vth Vernacular classes, and though Hygiene is an optional subject in these classes, nearly every pupil learns it. No change is necessary.

Subject No. 20.
Free Libraries in places where there are High Schools.

Summary of discussion—A free library containing a sufficient number of Kannada, Sanskrit and English books, and aided by Municipalities or Government, may be established for the benefit of the public in places where there are High Schools.

Reply of Government.—Let the Municipalities concerned take the initiative and do the needful. No general order can be passed.

Subject No. 21.
The minimum strength of pupils for a maidan Hobli School.

Summary of discussion.—The minimum number of pupils required in the case of a Hobli School in a maidan District may be reduced.

Reply of Government.—The minimum average daily attendance required in a Hobli School of a maidan District is 15. It would hardly do to lower the minimum and maintain schools for less than 15 pupils. No change is called for.

Subject No. 22.
Examination of Hobli Schools by Deputy Inspectors.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Deputy Inspectors examine Hobli Schools once a year and sometimes only once in a year and a half. They should examine the schools oftener in order that their visits may prove an incentive to the satisfactory progress of education therein.

Reply of Government.—Almost all the schools are inspected by the Deputy Inspectors at least once a year. Every Hobli School is placed under the supervision of a local committee, and Revenue and other officers are expected to pay visits when they happen to be near Government schools.

Summary of discussion.—(2) Each Deputy I has such a large number as about 200 schools un